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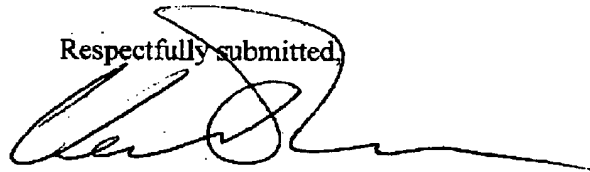
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4. ☒ COMMENTS ON REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

The Applicant thanks the Office for providing reasons for allowance. However, the Applicant believes that the record as a whole amply supports the allowance of the claims and such further comments by the Office do not represent the full scope of the invention as defined in each of the claims. The Office merely recites elements of claim 1 as the reasons for allowance, and the Applicant wishes to ensure that such statement does not give rise to a presumption of acquiescence to those reasons, and the negative inferences that flow therefrom. Applicant believes that the allowed claims 1-21, including 4 independent claims are best interpreted in light of the record as a whole and not on the reasons presented in the Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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